

During her 34 years as Jefferson Center CEO & President, Harriet has worked to reduce the stigma of mental illness, to bring the public's attention to urgent matters of mental health and collaborated with government and business leaders to produce innovative changes for mental health care. Within hours after the 1999 shootings at Columbine High School, under Harriet's leadership, Jefferson Center mobilized resources and helped lead the mental health crisis response. For the next three years, Jefferson Center provided leadership, services and infrastructure for programs that helped the community heal.

Harriet's relationships within the community have resulted in significant change and new, innovative programs, and her commitment to our community is immeasurable. She has received numerous awards for her much-needed work in the community.

Congratulations to Dr. Harriet Hall for this well-deserved award, and I thank her for her continued dedication to our community.

HONORING THE SARATOGA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION ON ITS 40TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 24, 2018

Ms. STEFANIK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and recognize the Saratoga Economic Development Corporation as it celebrates its 40th anniversary.

Since its establishment in 1978, the Saratoga Economic Development Corporation (SEDC) has been instrumental in fostering economic growth in Saratoga County. By working to both retain existing businesses and attract new jobs and industry to the county, SEDC has helped build Saratoga County into the thriving region that we know today. As a private investor-led, non-profit consulting firm, SEDC works with nearly 300 employers on projects to improve the quality of life for residents. Over the past 40 years, SEDC brought over 18,000 jobs to Saratoga County and \$16.5 billion in capital investment, significant achievements that I am proud to honor today.

On behalf of New York's 21st district, I want to thank the Saratoga Economic Development Corporation for 40 years of hard work and dedication to improving the Saratoga community. I look forward to watching them continue to succeed for many years to come.

IN REMEMBRANCE OF MASTER SERGEANT JERRE S. THOMAS II

HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 24, 2018

Mr. WITTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Master Sergeant Jerre S. Thomas, II. Master Sergeant Thomas served as a United States Marine, and was loved by all who met him.

During his time in the Marine Corps, the Master Sergeant served his country with honor and pride. He would go on to work within the Department of Defense and the White House

Press Corps under President's George H.W. Bush and Bill Clinton. During this time, as a Master Instructor of Photography, Jerre was able to teach hundreds of Marines the skills of photography and videography.

Master Sergeant Thomas enjoyed the company of his community and was a member of the Quantico Town Council where he would serve the community until his passing. He loved his children and his country which I believe is evident by his commitment to public service.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you to join me and countless others as we recognize the many contributions of Master Sergeant Jerre S. Thomas, II.

ADDISON PAGE

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 24, 2018

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Addison Page for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

Addison Page is a student at Drake Middle School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Addison Page is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Addison Page for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of her future accomplishments.

REMEMBERING THE LIFE OF KATHRYN LIEBERTH LYTTON

HON. TIM RYAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 24, 2018

Mr. RYAN of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to remember the life of Kathryn Lieberth Lytton who passed away on April 1, 2018, age 37.

Born Kathryn Moffat Lieberth, Kate Lytton died two weeks shy of her 38th birthday following a year-long battle with breast cancer, a fight that she waged until the very last hour with her unyielding wit and incomparable stoicism.

Kate was an accomplished young teacher of classical and modern ballet. She first started dancing at the age of three after seeing a Summer Festival performance of Ohio Ballet in Forest Lodge Park. She began her study at the University of Akron Dance Institute under Gina Carroll. She continued her pre-professional training under Nan Klinger, performing for eight seasons with the Cuyahoga Valley Youth Ballet. She also danced in the 1992 International Children's Festival in Taiwan. After graduating with honors from Our Lady of the Elms, Kate continued her education at the

University of Utah where she was a member of the Utah Ballet and a trainee with Ballet West. Feeling that she was "getting old," she left college to become an apprentice at Richmond (Virginia) Ballet. For the next 12 years, she performed with various ballets including Ballet Memphis, Oakland Ballet, and Company C Contemporary Ballet.

Kate later returned to school to further her education in anatomy and kinesiology through multiple dance and fitness certification programs. In 2011, Kate became the Dance Program Manager at Google Headquarters in Mountain View, CA. She grew the employee dance program from a few social dance classes a week to a comprehensive dance training program across multiple disciplines, eventually overseeing programming at 50 Google offices globally, and supervising 200 dance instructors worldwide.

Kate returned to Akron in 2014 to raise a family with her husband Alec. She joined the faculties of the University of Akron Dance Institute, the Excellence in Dance studio in Cuyahoga Falls, and the 8-count dance studio in Green. She also served as the administrator for Ballet Excel Ohio's Reach Out and Dance program that gave many students in the Akron Public Schools their first exposure to dance, and she especially loved working with students with disabilities. Kate also taught many barre classes throughout the community. Kate is the daughter of David Lieberth, one of Akron's prominent community leaders who served as Deputy Mayor.

She is survived by her husband, Alec Lytton, a fellow dancer and teacher of dance at the University of Akron; by her daughters, Genevieve, 3, and Paige, 2; by her parents Lynne and Dave Lieberth; by her sister, Emma Lieberth and brother-in-law, Nathaniel Osborn; her mother-in-law, Joy Lord of Houston; and uncle, Joseph Lieberth of Barberton.

I know Kate is dearly missed by her family, her friends, and all her students. I extend my deepest and sincerest condolences.

CELEBRATING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ARC OF LOUDOUN

HON. BARBARA COMSTOCK

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 24, 2018

Mrs. COMSTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Arc of Loudoun, on its 50th anniversary of making immeasurable contributions throughout Virginia's 10th Congressional District.

Since its creation in 1967, this foundation has advanced Rachel Paxton's dream to use her historic Leesburg property to support the "needy children" of Loudoun County, delivering care and services for people from infancy to adulthood, with differing abilities. The Arc of Loudoun has reshaped the quality of life for citizens, enabling thousands of people to live with greater independence and dignity by implementing one vision, to help members to live "a life like yours."

The Arc of Loudoun serves 3,125 people, with over 4,000 instances of services through their five programs on Paxton Campus. They provide an integrated and innovative environment in their services, all devoted to their mission to maximizing the potential of children

while supporting families and individuals with disabilities so that they may thrive in Loudoun.

These programs include the Aurora School. Founded in 2003, the School is a private day school for students with special needs and behavior challenges. Founded in 2010, the Open Door Learning Center is an inclusive preschool for children with and without disabilities. The Center provides daily care with on-site behavioral and music therapy provisions for young children, many with developmental disabilities.

The ALLY “A Life Like Yours” Advocacy Center was founded in 2011 and serves as a community resource for information, advocacy and support for children with special needs, their families, caregivers, and the professionals who work with them. Founded in September 2017, the Ability Fitness Center is a therapeutic fitness and wellness center for individuals with neurological disorders including stroke, brain injury, spinal cord injury, and cerebral palsy, and developmental disabilities. This past January, the Arc of Loudoun launched the Advantage Behavior Clinic. The clinic provides individualized behavior and verbal therapy, speech therapy, and social skills development for children with autism and other related disabilities.

I am thankful for the leadership of the Arc of Loudoun management team: Melissa Heifetz, Denise Daffron, YaTonya Abdullah, Eileen Shaffer, Megan Allman, Kendra McDonald, Amy Metaxa, Helen Parker, Matt Smith, Morgan Payne, and the entire staff, volunteers, and supporters.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Arc of Loudoun on its 50th anniversary. May the Arc of Loudoun continue to assist in the cultivation of a better life for many years to come.

DANAIS REZA

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 24, 2018

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Danaïs Reza for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

Danaïs Reza is a student at Jefferson High School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Danaïs Reza is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Danaïs Reza for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of her future accomplishments.

DAYTON ACCORDS

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 24, 2018

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, the legacy of the Dayton Accords is something the Balkans are still coming to terms with. The scourge of war and ethnic division have for too long cast a shadow of these historic and beautiful nations. For nearly 30 years, we have worked with our friends in the region to bring peace and reconciliation. We have learned many lessons and overcome many challenges. We have achieved peace but it remains an uneasy peace that must be closely tended to.

The United States took on the responsibility when it intervened in the Balkans during the 1990s to find a political solution that enables freedom and peace between neighbors. We are not done with this responsibility. The Dayton Accords was an important agreement, but it was a flawed agreement. It did not solve all the region's problems and even created a few new ones. Peacekeepers remain in the Balkans to this day holding together the fragile agreement we constructed. If violence breaks out and if the region descends into chaos, it is our credibility that is damaged. But worst, it will reopen old wounds that are nearly healed. It is vital to our interests that peace, freedom, and prosperity triumph in the Balkans. Through Dayton we played a role in setting the current course, so have a stake in the region's future.

Having spent a lot of time in the region, I have developed a deep affection and admiration for the peoples of the Balkans. I know them to be a proud, resilient, and strong-willed community—not unlike my fellow Texans. Specifically, I am proud to have forged a strong friendship with our Serbian partners as co-chair of the Serbia caucus. In them I see hope for the future. At the time Dayton was brokered, the United States and Serbia were foes, with daunting disagreements about the future of the region. But today we are friends working towards closer ties and a stronger Transatlantic community. I have seen that in Serbian President Vucic we have a partner for the future. He is committed to a Serbia living at peace with its neighbors. This includes moving his nation into the European Union and tackling the thorny issue of Kosovo. We must show him our support.

Of course, our warming ties with Serbia and the rest of the region have caught the notice of the Kremlin. Russia has always felt the Balkans was under its sphere of influence. Dating back to the time of Soviet imperialism, Moscow has tried to force its will on the region. Vladimir Putin is trying desperately to upset the Balkan's integration with the Euro-Atlantic community. In 2016, Putin even tried to support a coup in Montenegro to prevent its ascension into NATO. The Kremlin's meddling in the region continues to this day, where it is sponsoring an elaborate and extensive disinformation campaign across the Balkans. Putin is hoping that by flooding the media in the region with lies, he can create division, unrest, and convince the people of the Balkans to move away from the West. The citizens of the region are freedom loving people yearning to join and prosper within the Euro-Atlantic alli-

ance, rather than the tyranny and violence of Putin's realm. We need to take a more active role in thwarting Russia's deceptions.

Putin, however, is not the only threat to the region. The rise of ISIS and migrant crisis has strained the resources of our Balkan friends. The threat of radicalization and returning foreign fighters is a shared threat which we must work together to combat. To forge our partnership with the Balkan states and demonstrate our commitment to stability in the region, it is required that the United States be attentive to their security concerns as much as any of our allies in Europe. Let us not forget that instability in the Balkans a hundred years ago sparked a course of events that led to two world wars, millions dead, and divided Europe. That is why it is crucial we remain steadfast partners to the Balkans.

The United States has a lot to offer to help guide the region towards a bright and peaceful future. We have an obligation because of Dayton to remain engaged and see that the problems of the past are overcome.

And that's just the way it is.

SKILLS FOR TODAY WEEK

HON. RYAN A. COSTELLO

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 24, 2018

Mr. COSTELLO of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of myself and my House 21st Century Skills Caucus co-chair, Congressman DAVE LOEBSACK, I rise today to acknowledge Skills for Today Week.

Every American student should graduate high school with the knowledge and skills required for workplace, academic, and life success. Thriving today—finding and holding a well-paying job, succeeding in higher education, and becoming part of a healthy community—requires a deep grasp of rich content knowledge and the ability to use that knowledge to address challenges and meet needs. Extraordinary schools and community programs in Pennsylvania, Iowa, and many other states across the country recognize this vitally important vision and are working hard to equip their learners with the critical thinking, collaboration, communication, and creativity skills (the “4Cs”) they will need after graduation.

As the bipartisan co-chairs of the House 21st Century Skills Caucus, we love to highlight the innovative schools and community organizations—including high quality early learning providers and engaging community programs—that are blazing new trails to prime students for success. That is why we are pleased to acknowledge Skills for Today Week, which is scheduled from April 23–27. Skills for Today Week was created by the Partnership for 21st Century Learning to showcase how leading schools and beyond school programs are transforming teaching and learning, using a focus on the 4Cs to prepare students for economic, academic, and life success.

Policymakers and practitioners alike can learn from the diverse group of education innovators featured during Skills for Today Week events. We believe federal education policies should enable and invest in similar initiatives. As a result, we continue to strongly support the Every Student Succeeds Act,